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WOMAN SENTENCED FOR BANK FRAUD

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that SANDRA K. OLSON, 62, Radcliff, Kentucky, was sentenced to 36 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following her guilty plea to bank fraud. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sandra K. Olson was employed as an accounting clerk at Brinly-Hardy Company from January 2, 2001 to June 17, 2002. Brinly-Hardy Company is a manufacturer of lawn and garden implements located in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Olson executed a bank fraud scheme by preparing numerous unauthorized checks drawn on Brinly-Hardy's account at PNC Bank

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which she made payable to herself. The checks each contained a forged signature of the maker and were later negotiated by Olson at her bank. She fraudulently obtained \$129,059.31 as a result.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed 4 years supervised release following OLSON's release from imprisonment. OLSON was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$129,000.

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